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CONTACT

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EDUCATION

- 2018 - 2024 Joint PhD in Political Science and Communication, **University of Pennsylvania**
- Dissertation: *Seeing Politics as a Sport: Sports and Beliefs About Political Competition*
 - Dissertation Committee: Diana Mutz, Yphtach Lelkes, Michelle Margolis, Michael X. Delli-Carpini
- 2009 - 2013 BA in Political Science, **Washington University in Saint Louis**
- Summa cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

UNDER REVIEW

Controversy and Public Attitudes Toward the Supreme Court: Effects of the Kavanaugh Nomination (with Diana Mutz)

- Presented at APSA 2019; ICA 2019

Good Sports and Sore Losers: How Watching Team Sports Increases Acceptance of Election Losses

- Presented at APSA 2023; Directions of Polarization, Social Norms, and Trust in Societies Workshop 2023

WORKING PAPERS

A Constant Competition: Sports and Zero-Sum Thinking.

- Presented at APSA 2023; Toronto Political Behavior Workshop 2023; MPSA 2022

Sports Versus War: Disambiguating the Game Frame

- Presented at APSA 2023; ICA 2023; Polarization Research Lab 2023

Field of (American) Dreams: Sports and Belief in Meritocracy

- Presented at APSA 2022

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Upenn Political Science Graduate Student Summer Grant (\$1000)	2023
Polarization Research Lab (survey time)	2022
Annenberg Summer Fellowship (\$4,000/year)	2019-2023

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

APSA	2019, 2021, 2022, 2023
MPSA	2018, 2019, 2022
ICA	2019, 2023
Polarization Research Lab	2023
Toronto Political Behavior Workshop	2023
Directions of Polarization, Social Norms, and Trust in Societies	2023

TEACHING

Teaching Fellow	Quantitative Research Methods in Communication	2022
Teaching Fellow	Introduction to American Politics	2020
Teaching Fellow	Introduction to Data Science	2019

SERVICE

Panel Chair	APSA	2023
Representative	ASC Graduate Student Council	2019-2020
Coordinator	Democracy and Information Group	2019-2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015 - 2018 Data Scientist, *Locus Analytics*

2013 - 2015 Technical Services, *Epic Systems*

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

R, Python, L^AT_EX